

OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2005 EXPENDITURE	FY 2006 APPROPRIATION	FY 2007 REQUEST	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2007
Defender Services	\$ 26,221,778	\$ 26,221,780	\$ 48,574,925	\$ 27,141,165
Federal Grants	0	125,000	125,000	125,000
Legal Defense and Defender Fund	1,712,172	1,968,134	1,968,134	1,972,829
Homicide/Conflict of Interest Cases	2,240,117	2,241,502	2,241,502	2,241,502
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 30,174,067	\$ 30,556,416	\$ 52,909,561	\$ 31,480,496
PERSONAL SERVICE				
General Revenue Fund	22,562,711	22,984,589	38,212,927	23,903,974
Legal Defense and Defender Fund	48,506	117,378	117,378	122,073
EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT				
General Revenue Fund	5,899,184	5,478,693	12,603,500	5,478,693
Legal Defense and Defender Fund	1,630,789	1,819,276	1,819,276	1,819,276
PROGRAM SPECIFIC DISTRIBUTION				
Federal Funds	0	125,000	125,000	125,000
Legal Defense and Defender Fund	32,877	31,480	31,480	31,480
TOTAL	\$ 30,174,067	\$ 30,556,416	\$ 52,909,561	\$ 31,480,496
General Revenue Fund	28,461,895	28,463,282	50,816,427	29,382,667
Federal Funds	0	125,000	125,000	125,000
Legal Defense and Defender Fund	1,712,172	1,968,134	1,968,134	1,972,829
Full-time equivalent employees	558.45	560.13	914.38	560.13

OFFICE SUMMARY

The Sixth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution assures that no person accused of a crime and unable to pay for legal assistance shall face trial without counsel. Established in 1982, the Office of the State Public Defender exists as a system for providing defense services to every jurisdiction within the state by means of a centrally administered organization having a full-time staff. The State Public Defender System fulfills the constitutional guarantee of legal counsel for persons accused of criminal offenses in Missouri's 45 judicial circuits (embracing 114 counties and the City of St. Louis). Functioning as an independent department of the Missouri judicial branch, the Office of the State Public Defender is charged with providing legal defense for indigents accused of criminal offenses. Governor Blunt's Fiscal Year 2007 budget provides a total of \$31.5 million for the Office of the State Public Defender.

Fiscal Year 2007 Governor's Recommendations

- \$924,080 for pay plan, including \$919,385 general revenue.